

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 772

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Fat Bottom Brewing Company on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should commend those exemplary businesses that, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable establishment is Fat Bottom Brewing Company, a beloved staple of the Nashville community, which celebrates ten years in business this year; and

WHEREAS, this acclaimed brewery first opened its doors in August 2012; as East Nashville's first brewery, it quickly became a neighborhood favorite, featuring recipes developed from founder Ben Bredesen's time as a homebrewer that were scaled to fit the newly installed fifteen-barrel brewhouse; and

WHEREAS, as the city of Nashville grew, so did the brewery, and it soon became apparent that Mr. Bredesen would need to enlist help to continue effective operation of his burgeoning business; Drew Yeager, a master brewer from the University of California, Davis and fresh off a stint at Dogfish Head Brewery, was hired to take over the brewing operation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Mr. Yeager, Mr. Bredesen recruited Brett Haertl to serve as sales manager, Krista Firkins to manage marketing and communications, Alex Barr to serve as the quality assurance and quality control lab manager, Colton Hile to work the brewery, and canine Tucker to take up residence as the official brewery dog; and

WHEREAS, his team in place, Ben Bredesen was able to focus on the continued growth of the business, resulting in the introduction of new styles, increased distribution, and the

purchase of an acre and a half of land in the Nations at 800 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, where Fat Bottom Brewing relocated into a brand new, state-of-the-art 33,000-square-foot facility; and

WHEREAS, with the taproom keeping hours every day of the week, patrons gather to imbibe Fat Bottom's flagship libations—Ruby (American red ale), Knockout (India pale ale), Ida (golden ale), and Teddy Loves (pilsner)—as well as a rotating slate of seasonal selections; and

WHEREAS, Fat Bottom Brewing was born and raised in Nashville and has contributed greatly to the local culture and economy for a decade now; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize Fat Bottom Brewing Company on this milestone occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the owners and employees of Fat Bottom Brewing Company in Nashville for their tireless dedication to quality, congratulate them on the establishment's tenth anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.